

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) released the following statement after final passage of H.R. 4851, the Continuing Extension Act of 2010, extending temporary unemployment and health benefits for out-of-work Americans. The bill also prevents a 21-percent cut to doctors who treat Medicare patients and extends COBRA subsidies that unemployed Ohioans rely on for health care. The legislation now heads to the President's desk for his signature:

"I'm relieved that the Senate finally took action so that Congress could extend this lifeline to the people who need it the most. Families hit hard by this recession need these benefits. They want work but in this economic climate it's taking longer than normal to find another job. They shouldn't be punished by politics as they try to survive in this turbulent economy. I'm pleased that Congress has voted to continue this vitally important help for our families who need it the most."

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